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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Utilization of the Polygraph

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence in paragraph 3.

2. Sometime ago I was informed that you wished a study made as to whether our use of the polygraph and the procedures involved for the utilization of the information derived therefrom would be a source of embarrassment to the Agency. We have gone into this carefully with the Office of Security and believe that our utilization of the polygraph and of the information obtained would not be a source of serious embarrassment. To my knowledge only one serious protest has been lodged with the Agency arising out of a polygraph interview. This was some years ago and was from Thurman Arnold in connection with a disgruntled employee who had been terminated. We wrote Mr. Arnold a detailed letter outlining the purposes for which we use the polygraph and how it was used. He failed to make any objection. I am informed by the Office of Security that certain individuals have refused to take the polygraph and have been retained in their regular employment although each case is, of course, judged on its own individual merits.

3. We felt it well to revise in certain respects the statement signed by each employee before taking the polygraph test. Attached is the draft agreement which has been concurred in by the Office of Security. This will be put into immediate use if it meets with your approval. I recommend approval.

Attachments - 2

The recommendation in paragraph 3 is approved.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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